Monday, February 4, 1952

I went over this morning with Bob Terrill the atomic energy situation in France, and certain areas of interest [redacted] we wish to canvass with the French authorities. Bob had drawn up a letter on this subject, which I shall give to M. Schuman to-night.

René Pleven came to lunch with me, and we had a [redacted] talk about various political questions, both national and international, including of course our favorite topic of a constitutional convention for a European political federation.

Harry Labouisse, Tommy and myself discussed what the next step should be about handling the French document given to me by the Prime Minister regarding a possible drastic cut-back in the French military program.

Bill Pawley and I talked of various ways in which American money to be ~~expended in France~~ could be committed with promptitude. Such expenditures are now so restricted by red tape, both here and ~~at home, that~~

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the result is their strangulation at birth.

I went to see M. Schuman at seven o'clock with the Secretary's reply to his letter. The reply is [redacted] long, and M. Schuman said he wished to consider it overnight and take it up with some of his colleagues before giving any answer. I did, however, particularly raise with him the Saar question, which the Secretary hoped might be partially handled before the German Bundestag begins to debate the European Defense treaty on Thursday of this week. M. Schuman is personally inclined to some solution/to [redacted] Europeanize the Saar politically, while leaving it economically integrated with France.

I came back to the office and sent a telegram on this subject.

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